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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

MILITARY UNREST IN PERU:

ARMY OFFICERS PLOTTING TO OUST PRESIDENT VELASCO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT FOR A COUP AND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR A SUCCESSFUL MOVE.

VELASCO, ALLAYING SOME OF THE FEARS THAT HE WOULD MAKE USE OF A RECENT AMENDMENT IN THE MILITARY RETIREMENT LAW TO REPLACE OFFICERS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH HIS POLICIES, IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL MORALES-BERMUDEZ THAT HE WILL BECOME PRIME MINISTER IN JANUARY AS SCHEDULED. MORALES-BERMUDEZ AND OTHER MODERATE ARMY LEADERS WILL NOW PROBABLY REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ACTIVITY AGAINST VELASCO. THIS WILL UNDERCUT EFFORTS BY MIDDLEGRADE NAVY OFFICERS TO PROMOTE VELASCO'S OUSTER. AT THE SAME TIME, VELASCO HAS INDICATED THAT CLOSE SUPPORTER AND MORE RADICALLY INCLINED MINISTER OF MINES GENERAL MALDONADO WILL BECOME THE NEW ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. HIS WILL BRING GREATER RADICAL INFLUENCE INTO THE SERVICE RANKS.
(LOW)

ELECTIONS IN BOLIVIA:

PRESIDENT BANZER MAY HAVE DECIDED TO CANCEL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN 1975 AND TO TRY TO REMAIN IN OFFICE. THE COMBINED HIGH COMMAND OF THE MILITARY APPARENTLY ALSO FAVORS CANCELING THE ELECTIONS (BUT NOT NECESSARILY RETAINING BANZER) AND IS USING THE PRETEXT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A WAR BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU AS THE BASIS FOR RECOMMENDING THEY NOT BE HELD MEANWHILE LAST WEEK THE LEADERS OF BOLIVIA'S PEASANT MOVEMENT MET WITH BANZER AND THE HIGH COMMAND TO PRESENT A DOCUMENT APPEALING FOR CANCELLATION OF THE ELECTIONS. SINCE THESE LEADERS OCCUPY GOVERNMENT-PAID POSITIONS, IT IS UNLIKELY THEY WOULD ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT WITHOUT THE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF BANZER. THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AS WELL AS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE POLITICAL PARTIES STRONGLY SUPPORT THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS AND ANY ATTEMPT TO CANCEL THEM CAN BE EXPECTED TO PROMPT STRONG OUTRIES. THE PEASANT STATEMENT, THEREFORE, CAN BE EXPECTED TO WEAKEN THE UNITY OF BANZER'S ALREADY FRAGMENTED POLITICAL COALITION. (LOW)

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REACTIONS AT UN TO U.S. VETO: OUR UN MISSION REPORTS PRELIMINARY No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/10/28 : LOC-HAK-550-3-8-9
UN, TO THE U.S. EXERCISE OF ITS VETO. HERE HAVE BEEN NO DISCERNIBLE PATTERNS OR STRONG CRITICISM. AS THE MISSION SAYS, IT DOES NOT LOOK AS THOUGH THE SKY FELL IN. MANY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND OUR VETO, EVEN THOUGH THEY DO NOT SAY SO PUBLICLY. THE MISSION ALSO GOES ON TO SAY THAT AT THIS JUNCTURE THE VOTE LOSS FOR THE U.S. ON OTHER ISSUES PENDING AT THE UN APPEARS ONLY MARGINAL. HOWEVER, IT IS PROBABLY TOO EARLY TO TELL THE SUCCESS WITH WHICH OUR VETO MAY BE EXPLOITED TO OBTAIN THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY AGAINST US ON THESE ISSUES. (HORAN)

BRITISH POSITION ON NAMIBIA: OUR MISSION AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN INFORMED BY A UK MISSION OFFICER THAT THE BRITISH WILL ANNOUNCE IN LONDON NOVEMBER 6 THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ADVISORY OPINION ON NAMIBIA TERMINATING SOUTH AFRICA'S MANDATE THERE. THE SOURCE INDICATED THE BRITISH DO NOT OTHERWISE PLAN TO EXERT PRESSURE ON PRETORIA CONCERNING NAMIBIA, BUT WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA. (HORAN)

U.S. VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ADMIRAL: CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY, ADMIRAL JOHNSON, HAS BEEN INVITED BY REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS WYMAN TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN HIS "OFFICIAL CAPACITY." AS IN THE CASE OF ADMIRAL BIERMAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS AUTHORIZED JOHNSON TO MAKE A PRIVATE VISIT HERE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WILL NOT BE RECEIVED OFFICIALLY BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

WHEN TOLD BY OUR AMBASSADOR IN CAPE TOWN OF THE RESTRICTIONS, JOHNSON INTIMATED HE HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION BECAUSE IT WAS XIENDED IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SUGGESTED HE BRING HIS UNIFORM AND MEDALS FOR AN APPOINTMENT WHICH HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE U.S. CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, AND FOR OTHER APPOINTMENTS WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN MADE, OR WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE.

IN A LATER MESSAGE ON THE SAME SUBJECT, OUR AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDED EFFORTS BE MADE TO EITHER CANCEL THE VISA, OR CONVINCE THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO CANCEL THE VISIT. IN THE CONTEXT OF RECENT NSM 39 ARTICLES, AND U.S. GOVERNMENT CREDIBILITY IN AFRICA, OR THE IMPACT THE VISIT COULD HAVE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENT EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA, AND THAT WE CANNOT BE SURE THERE WILL NOT BE EXECUTIVE BRANCH CONTACTS, THE VISIT WILL BE GREATLY PREJUDICIAL TO U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST, IN THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEW. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE AMBASSADOR'S TELEGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO PERMIT THE VISIT TO PROCEED ON A PRIVATE BASIS.

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SUPPORTIVE OF OUR AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN IS A STORY IN THE SOUTH AFRICA SUNDAY TIMES PLAYING UP THE VISIT AS AN EVIDENCE OF A DEFENSE TIE. JOHNSON WILL BE SEEKING PORT CALLS, PRESS SOUTH AFRICA'S NEEDS FOR RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND ASK FOR RELAXATION OF ARMS EMBARGO, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE. THE ARTICLE RECOGNIZES THE INVITATION WAS FROM A CONGRESSMAN AND FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, BUT STATES THE DECISION TO GRANT A VISA "WILL BE REGARDED AS A KEY INDICATION OF AMERICAN POLICY..." THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO REVIEW ADMIRAL BIERMAN'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES EARLIER THIS YEAR, DISCUSSES A SO-CALLED SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTHOLD IN THE PENTAGON, AND THEN CITES AMBASSADOR SCALI'S SECURITY COUNCIL STATEMENT DURING THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION DEBATE TO THE EFFECT THAT "THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT COLLABORATED WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON MILITARY OR NAVAL MATTERS FOR OVER A DECADE AND HAS NO INTENTION OF BEGINNING SUCH COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE."

(HORAN)

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